

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. This potential relaxation of ownership rules is OUTRAGEOUS!!

Radio has seriously declined over the past decade, TV is a joke, and newspapers are propaganda devices for the corporate owners. There is no more independent media that provokes thought and examines issues in a critical way. The internet is fine but millions of people still use tv, radio, and newspapers to get their information. We don't need to make the country one big clear channel. I want my radio stations to be LOCAL not delivered via satellite from some studio 2000 miles away with a play list decided by some advertising guy in a suit.

We need to keep conglomerates out of the media - they are homogenizing our culture. Here's a quote from clear channel's CEO Lowry Mays:

"If anyone said we were in the radio business, it wouldn't be someone from our company. We're not in the business of providing news and information. We're not in the business of providing well-researched music. We're simply in the business of selling our customers products."

And here's a quote from James Madison, a founding father of this country:

"A popular Government without popular information of the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power knowledge gives."

Which sounds better to you? One sounds better if you're a lobbyist or politician, the other sounds better if you're an average American. This country is supposed to be a representative democracy - so represent ME not a lobbyist and stop this insanity!!!!!!

Sincerely,

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